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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee, for its consideration, the following observations and proposals in connection with the report to be made to the General Assembly by the General Committee regarding the organization of the forty-sixth regular session, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items.

2. Over the years, the General Assembly has adopted a number of provisions aimed at rationalizing the procedures and organization of the Assembly. These provisions are reproduced in the annexes to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annexes I, II, IV-VIII). Although some of these provisions have already been implemented, many of them have not yet been or have been only partly implemented. Some of them have acquired an increasing importance in view of the efforts being undertaken in the process of renewal and reform of the Organization.

3. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII to its rules of procedure, in particular to those provisions reproduced below under the relevant headings.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. General Committee

4. The Secretary-General wishes to draw to the General Committee's attention rule 40 of the rules of procedure as well as General Assembly decision 34/401 (ibid., annex VI, paras. 1 and 2), Assembly resolution 39/88 B (ibid., annex VII, para. 4) and the annex to resolution 45/45 (ibid., annex VIII, para. 3) pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

B. Rationalization of work

5. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to General Assembly resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, whereby the Assembly decided that the recommendations as agreed upon and as contained in the report of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations 1/ should be implemented by the Secretary-General and the relevant organs and bodies of the United Nations.

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

6. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the measures he has undertaken in pursuance of the goal of renewal and reform, in particular to recommendations 2, 3 and 7 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, as reflected in his progress reports on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213 (A/42/234, A/43/286, A/44/222) as well as a supplementary report submitted to the forty-fifth session of the Assembly (A/45/226). The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to Assembly resolution 45/254 of 21 December 1990 on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and resolution 45/264 of 13 May 1991 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields.

7. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII) which reads as follows:

> "5. The General Committee should consider, at the beginning of each session of the General Assembly, recommending that certain Main Committees should meet in sequential order, taking into account such matters as the number of meetings required for the consideration of the questions with which they are charged at that session, the organization of the work of the whole session and the problem of participation of smaller delegations."

In this connection, the Committee may wish to recommend to the Assembly that, as at recent sessions, the holding of concurrent meetings of the Special Political Committee and the Fourth Committee should be avoided, to the extent possible and with the necessary flexibility, during the forty-sixth session.

8. Furthermore, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that measures introduced to reduce costs relating to overtime continue to be in effect. Therefore, the Committee may wish to remind Member States that, as a result of these curtailments, the Secretariat will not be able to provide all the services rendered prior to 1986.

C. Closing date of the session

9. In accordance with the provisions of rule 2 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly should fix a closing date for the forty-sixth session. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the forty-sixth session should recess on Tuesday, 17 December 1991, and close on Monday, 14 September 1992.

D. Schedule of meetings

10. Following the practice since the forty-first session, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that morning meetings should start at 10 a.m. promptly for all plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees during the forty-sixth session.

11. In view of the practice at recent sessions, the General Committee may wish to recommend that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings, the General Assembly should waive the requirement of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and permit the debate to proceed and one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of a Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation would be made on the understanding that it does not involve any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure which pertain, as well as to the opening of meetings, to the requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken.

12. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

E. General debate

13. In accordance with recent practice, the Secretary-General suggests that the general debate should begin on Monday, 23 September, and end on Thursday, 10 October 1991.

14. The Secretary-General also suggests that the list of speakers in the general debate should be closed on Wednesday, 25 September, at 6 p.m.

15. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the decision taken by the Assembly at previous sessions, namely that the practice of expressing congratulations inside the General Assembly Hall itself after a speech had been delivered was prohibited.

F. Explanations of vote, right of reply and length of statements

16. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401 (ibid., annex VI), which read as follows:

> "6. Explanations of vote should be limited to ten minutes.
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> "7. When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in

plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.

"8. Delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item."

17. With a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as another cost-saving measure, the General Committee, in connection with the length of statements, may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly, as it did at recent sessions, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto for appropriate action in plenary meeting and the Main Committees.

G. Records of meetings

18. As at past sessions, verbatim records will continue to be provided, during the forty-sixth session, for the plenary meetings of the Assembly and meetings of the First Committee and summary records will be provided to the General Committee, the Credentials Committee and the Main Committees of the Assembly. In accordance with the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly (ibid., annex V, para. 108 (b)), the General Committee may wish to recommend that the General Assembly should maintain for the forty-sixth session the practice whereby the Special Political Committee may obtain, on specific request, transcriptions of the debates of some of its meetings, or portions thereof. These transcriptions, which would not be part of the official records of the Committee, would be provided as the required services became available. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 8 and 9 of its resolution 38/32 E of 25 November 1983, which read as follows:

"8. Decides that the practice of reproducing statements in extenso as separate documents shall be discontinued for all its subsidiary organs that are entitled to summary records;

"9. Decides further that any exceptions to this rule may be made by the body concerned only if the statements are to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body decides that one or more statements in extenso may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents;"

In this connection, the General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice not to reproduce in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the forty-sixth session.

H. Seating arrangements

19. In accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General has drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was Panama. Consequently, the delegation of that country will sit at the first desk at the right of the President and the other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order. The same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

I. Concluding statements

20. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

> "17. To save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers."

J. Questions related to the programme budget

21. The Secretary-General would like to draw the attention of the General Committee to rule 153 of the rules of procedure which reads as follows:

> "No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations."

In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 12 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

> "12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work."

Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, which reads as follows:

"6. Decides that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly."

The General Committee may also wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to regulation 4.9 of the Regulations governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (resolution 37/234, annex), which reads as follows:

"Regulation 4.9. No Council, Commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal."

22. The General Committee may also wish to recall paragraph 13 of decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

"13. Furthermore:

"(a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;

"(b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely, $25,000 on any one item;

"(c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary bodies which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;

"(d) A minimum period of forty-eight hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications."

K. Documentation

23. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

"28. The General Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs which do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned."

24. The Secretary-General feels obliged to emphasize yet again that the provisions adopted by the General Assembly to control and limit documentation have not succeeded in decreasing the volume. Indeed the volume of pre-session documentation has consistently increased in recent years, without any strengthening of resources, thus contributing to serious delays in the issuance of documentation. The General Committee may wish to examine this question further.

L. Resolutions

25. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401 (ibid.), which reads as follows:

> "32. Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted."

26. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

> "(f) Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of these resolutions or the continued examination of the question."

27. In this connection, the General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII).

M. Special conferences

28. The General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences, adopted by the Assembly in paragraph (b) of its decision 34/405, which reads as follows:

> "(b) The Committee, taking into account difficulties encountered in ensuring adequate preparation of meetings, including timely distribution of documentation, as well as the ability of Member States to participate fully, recommends that the General Assembly should instruct the Main Committees to review the number of special conferences of the United Nations already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional special conferences, thus bearing in mind the relevant portions of General Assembly resolution 33/55."

The General Committee may also wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 2 (d) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

> "Until 1978, a number of resolutions had requested that only one major conference be scheduled annually. The decision of the General Assembly that no more than five special conferences should take place in a given year and that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time should be strictly implemented."

29. In this connection, the General Committee may further wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to the relevant provisions of recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

> "The existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, should be strictly enforced. Whenever the Assembly accepts an invitation from the Government of a Member State to hold a conference or meeting away from established headquarters, the additional cost should be borne in full by that Government. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for."

N. Meetings of subsidiary organs

30. In accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 40/243, section I, no subsidiary organ of the Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly, unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. In this connection, the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to letters dated 20 and 21 August and 9 September 1991 (A/46/374 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and Add.2) in which the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences informed the President of the General Assembly that, in view of special circumstances, the Committee had recommended that the following subsidiary organs should be authorized to meet during the forty-sixth session:

(a) Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

(b) Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;

(c) Committee on Relations with the Host Country;

(d) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(e) Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and its Standing Committee for Programme Matters;

(f) Special Committee against Apartheid;

(g) Special High-level Council for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction;

(h) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

31. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the forty-sixth session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda of the forty-sixth session (A/46/150);

(b) Supplementary list (A/46/200).

The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 33 below.

32. Bearing in mind the need to rationalize the General Assembly's procedures, and in view of the large number of items on the draft agenda, the Secretary-General wishes to recall the recommendation of the Special Committee on the Rationalization of the Procedures and Organization of the General Assembly that Member States should examine the agenda with a view to eliminating items which have lost their urgency or relevance, are not ripe for consideration or could be dealt with and even disposed of equally well by subsidiary organs of the General Assembly, and to referring specific items to other United Nations organs or to specialized agencies, taking into account the nature of the question (A/520/Rev.15, annex V, paras. 19 and 22; see also ibid., annex VII, paras. 1 and 2). The Secretary-General wishes also to recall paragraph 4 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII) which reads as follows:

> "4. The agenda of the General Assembly should be simplified by grouping or merging, to the extent possible, related items and, where it is appropriate for discussion of a particular item, by setting an interval of more than a year between the discussions on it. For this purpose, the Chairman of the Main Committee concerned or, as appropriate, the President of the General Assembly should undertake consultations with delegations."

In this connection, the General Committee may wish to consider:

(a) The grouping of related items under a single heading;

(b) The staggering of items over two or more years.

33. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding paragraphs 31 and 32 above, the draft agenda of the forty-sixth session would consist of the following items: 2/

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Malta (P.1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly (P.3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P.4).

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5).

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).

8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).

9. General debate (P.9).

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10).

11. Report of the Security Council (P.11).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (P.12).

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14).

2/ Abbreviations used in the present document:

(P.): item on the provisional agenda (A/46/150);

(S.): item on the supplementary list (A/46/200).

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):

    (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

    (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;

    (c) Election of a member of the International Court of Justice (S.2).

16. Appointment of the Secretary-General (P.16).

17. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs (P.17):

    (a) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

    (b) Election of the members of the International Law Commission;

    (c) Election of nineteen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

    (d) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;

    (e) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

18. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.18):

    (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

    (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

    (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

    (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

    (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

    (f) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee;

    (g) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit;

    (h) Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;

(i) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(j) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

19. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.19).

20. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.20).

21. Critical economic situation in Africa (P.21):

(a) Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;

(b) Africa's commodity problems.

22. Programmes and activities to promote peace in the world (P.22).

23. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (P.23).

24. The situation in Cambodia (P.24).

25. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (P.25).

26. Tenth anniversary of the University for Peace (P.26).

27. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (P.27).

28. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (P.28).

29. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (P.29).

30. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (P.30).

31. The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives (P.31). 3/

32. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (P.32).

3/ This item remains also on the agenda of the forty-fifth session (see decision 45/455 of 21 December 1990).

33. Question of Palestine (P.33). 3/

34. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (P.34).

35. The situation in the Middle East (P.35).

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42. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (P.42). 3/

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45. Question of Cyprus (P.45). 4/

46. Iraqi aggression and the continued occupation of Kuwait in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations (P.46). 4/

4/ This item, which has not been considered by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, remains on the agenda of that session (see decision 45/455). Its inclusion in the provisional agenda of the forty-sixth session is subject to any action that the Assembly may take on it at its forty-fifth session.

47. Reduction of military budgets (P.47):

    (a) Reduction of military budgets;

    (b) Transparency and reduction of military budgets.

48. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament agreements (P.48).

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    (b) International arms transfers;

    (c) Implementation of General Assembly resolutions in the field of disarmament;

    (d) Conversion of military resources to civilian purposes;

    (e) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(f) Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons;

(g) Conventional disarmament;

(h) Prohibition of attacks on nuclear facilities;

(i) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(j) Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes;

(k) Charting potential uses of resources allocated to military activities for civilian endeavours to protect the environment;

(l) Regional disarmament;

(m) Naval armaments and disarmament;

(n) Conventional disarmament on a regional scale.

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(b) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme;

(c) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(d) World Disarmament Campaign;

(e) Nuclear-arms freeze;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Status of multilateral disarmament agreements;

(d) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(e) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(f) Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security;

(g) Comprehensive programme of disarmament;

(h) Cessation of the nuclear-arms race and nuclear disarmament;

(i) Prevention of nuclear war.

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(d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

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(f) Desertification and drought;

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97. Narcotic drugs (P.97).

5/ This sub-item remains also on the agenda of the forty-fifth session (see decision 45/455).

98. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (P.98):

(a) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(b) Questions relating to refugees and displaced persons.

99. Human rights questions (P.99):

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives.

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101. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa (P.101).

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118. United Nations common system (P.118).

119. United Nations pension system (P.119).

120. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East (P.120):

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(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

121. Financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (P.121).

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125. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations (P.125).

126. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (P.126).

127. Measures to prevent international terrorism which endangers or takes innocent human lives or jeopardizes fundamental freedoms and study of the underlying causes of those forms of terrorism and acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair and which cause some people to sacrifice human lives, including their own, in an attempt to effect radical changes (P.127):

(a) Report of the Secretary-General;

(b) Convening, under the auspices of the United Nations, of an international conference to define terrorism and to differentiate it from the struggle of peoples for national liberation.

128. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order (P.128).

129. United Nations Decade of International Law (P.129).

130. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-third session (P.130).

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132. Consideration of the draft articles on the status of the diplomatic courier and the diplomatic bag not accompanied by diplomatic courier and of the draft optional protocols thereto (P.132).

133. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (P.133).

134. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (P.134).

135. Additional protocol on consular functions to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (P.135).

136. Consideration of the draft articles on most-favoured-nation clauses (P.136).

137. Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States (P.137).

138. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (P.138):

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

(b) Other activities. 6/

139. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (P.139).

140. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (P.140).

141. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (P.141).

142. Exploitation of the environment as a weapon in times of armed conflict and the taking of practical measures to prevent such exploitation (P.142).

143. Observer status for the Caribbean Community in the General Assembly (S.1).

144. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (S.3).

145. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations (S.4).

IV. ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

34. The allocation of items described in paragraph 45 below is based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years. However, the Secretary-General trusts that delegations will consider allotting items in a manner which will best enhance the effectiveness and the impact of the Assembly's work. In this connection, the General Committee may wish to draw the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

6/ This sub-item, which has not been considered by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, remains on the agenda of that session. Its inclusion in the provisional agenda of the forty-sixth session is subject to any action that the Assembly may take on it at its forty-fifth session.

"4. Substantive items should normally be discussed initially in a Main Committee and, therefore, items previously allocated to plenary meetings should henceforth be referred to a Main Committee unless there are compelling circumstances requiring their continued consideration in plenary meeting."

The Secretary-General wishes to draw the General Committee's attention to the relevant paragraphs of resolution 39/88 B and resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annexes VII and VIII). Paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 39/88 B reads as follows:

"5. The Chairmen of the Main Committees should take the initiative, in the light of past experience, to propose the grouping of similar or related items and the holding of a single general debate on them."

Paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 45/45 reads as follows:

"6. In making recommendations as to how agenda items should be allocated to the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly, the General Committee should ensure the best use of the expertise of the Committees."

35. The following items of the draft agenda have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

142. Exploitation of the environment as a weapon in times of armed conflict and the taking of practical measures to prevent such exploitation (P.142).

143. Observer status for the Caribbean Community in the General Assembly (S.1).

144. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (S.3).

145. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations (S.4).

The sponsors of the requests for the inclusion of these items have suggested that they should be allocated as follows:

Item 142	Second Committee
Item 143	Plenary meetings
Item 144	Plenary meetings
Item 145	Plenary meetings

36. In connection with item 12 of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General proposes that, as in previous years, the various parts of the report should be assigned to the Main Committees in accordance with their respective fields of competence or to plenary meetings, on the understanding that administrative, programme and budgetary aspects should be dealt with by the Fifth Committee. Bearing that consideration in mind, the Secretary-General recommends the following allocation for the various parts of the report: 7/

Chapter I	Matters calling for action by the General Assembly or brought to its attention	Plenary meetings, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees
Chapter II	Special High-level Meeting of the Economic and Social Council	Second Committee
Chapter III	General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments	Second Committee
Chapter IV	Questions considered directly in plenary meeting	
Section A	Implementation of the programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination	Third Committee
Section B	United Nations University	Second Committee
Section C	Cartography	Second Committee
Section D	Emergency assistance to Somalia	Second Committee
Section E	Human rights questions	Third Committee
Section F	Revitalization of the Economic and Social Council	Plenary meetings, Second, Third and Fifth Committees

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7/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3 (A/46/3).

	Section G	Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries	Second Committee
	Section H	Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories	Second Committee
	Section I	International cooperation to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl	Second Committee
Chapter V		Questions considered by the First (Economic) Committee	
	Section A	Regional cooperation	Second Committee
	Section B	Development and international economic cooperation	Second Committee
	Section C	Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries	Second Committee
	Section D	International cooperation in the field of informatics	Second Committee
Chapter VI		Questions considered by the Second (Social) Committee	
	Section A	World social situation	Third Committee
	Section B	Social development	Third Committee
	Section C	Human rights questions	Third Committee
	Section D	Advancement of women	Third Committee
	Section E	Narcotic drugs	Third Committee
Chapter VII		Questions considered by the Third (Programme and Coordination) Committee	
	Section A	Operational activities for development .	Second Committee
	Section B	Coordination questions	Second, Third and Fifth Committees

Section C	Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	Second and Fourth Committees
Section D	Programme and related questions	Fifth Committee
Section E	International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction	Second Committee
Section F	Disaster reduction and relief	Second Committee
Section G	Special economic and humanitarian assistance	Second and Third Committees
Section H	Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	Third Committee
Chapter VIII	Elections and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Council, confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions and nominations	Plenary meetings
Chapter IX	Organizational and other matters	Plenary meetings, Second and Third Committees

37. With regard to item 19 of the draft agenda (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), the General Committee may wish to consider referring to the Fourth Committee, as was done at previous sessions, chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/46/23) relating to specific Territories; this would again enable the General Assembly to deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

38. In connection with item 37 of the draft agenda (Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa), the Secretary-General wishes to remind the General Committee that at previous sessions the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the representatives of the Organization of African Unity and of national liberation movements recognized by that organization would be permitted to participate in the discussion in plenary meeting and that organizations and individuals having a special interest in the question would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political Committee.

39. With regard to item 39 of the draft agenda (Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)), the Secretary-General wishes to remind the General Committee that at previous sessions the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Fourth Committee in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

40. With regard to item 45 of the draft agenda (Question of Cyprus), the General Committee will recall that at its forty-second session 8/ the General Assembly decided to consider this item directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that it would, when considering the item, invite the Special Political Committee to meet for the purpose of affording representatives of the Cypriot communities an opportunity to take the floor in the Committee in order to express their views, and that the Assembly would then resume its consideration of the item, taking into account the report of the Special Political Committee.

41. In connection with item 60 of the draft agenda (General and complete disarmament), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/46/353), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, deal with the subject-matter of this item. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the report should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 60.

42. In connection with item 96 of the draft agenda (Advancement of women), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 16 of the annex to resolution 39/125 of 14 December 1984 concerning the United Nations Development Fund for Women, which reads as follows:

> "16. Taking into account the advice of the Consultative Committee, the Administrator shall submit to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme an annual report on the operations, management and budget of the Fund. He shall submit a similar report to the General Assembly, to be referred to the Second Committee for consideration of its technical co-operation aspects and also to the Third Committee."

The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the report should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 83 of the draft agenda (Operational activities for development).

8/ This item has not been discussed since the thirty-seventh session.

43. With regard to item 99 (a) of the draft agenda (Implementation of human rights instruments), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 20 of resolution 45/135 of 14 December 1990 whereby the General Assembly decided to hold a commemorative meeting on 16 December 1991, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the adoption of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

44. In connection with item 114 of the draft agenda (Joint Inspection Unit), the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly, as was done at previous sessions, that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject-matters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

45. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee in the light of paragraphs 34 to 44 above, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda, as based on previous practice, would be the following: 9/

9/ For the abbreviations used in the allocation of items, see footnote 2.

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Malta (P.1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly (P.3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P.4).

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5).

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).

8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).

9. General debate (P.9).

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10).

11. Report of the Security Council (P.11).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, IV (section F), VIII and IX] (P.12). 10/

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).

10/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a)	Chapter I	Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapter IV (section F)	Second, Third and Fifth Committees
(c)	Chapter IX	Second and Third Committees

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14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14). 11/

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):

    (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

    (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;

    (c) Election of a member of the International Court of Justice (S.2).

16. Appointment of the Secretary-General (P.16).

17. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs (P.17):

    (a) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

    (b) Election of the members of the International Law Commission;

    (c) Election of nineteen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

    (d) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;

    (e) Election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

18. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.18): 12/

    (g) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit;

    (h) Appointment of the members of the Consultative Committee of the United Nations Development Fund for Women;

    (i) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

    (j) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

19. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.19). 13/

11/ See para. 41.

12/ For sub-items (a) to (f), see "Fifth Committee", item 25.

13/ See para. 37.

20. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.20).

21. Critical economic situation in Africa (P.21):

    (a) Final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;

    (b) Africa's commodity problems.

22. Programmes and activities to promote peace in the world (P.22).

23. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (P.23).

24. The situation in Cambodia (P.24).

25. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (P.25).

26. Tenth anniversary of the University for Peace (P.26).

27. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (P.27).

28. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (P.28).

29. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (P.29).

30. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (P.30).

31. The situation in Central America: threats to international peace and security and peace initiatives (P.31). 3/

32. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (P.32).

33. Question of Palestine (P.33). 3/

34. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (P.34).

35. The situation in the Middle East (P.35).

36. Law of the sea (P.36).

37. Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa (P.37). 14/

14/ See para. 38. See also footnote 3.

38. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council (P.38).

39. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (P.39). 15/

40. Question of peace, stability and cooperation in South-East Asia (P.40).

41. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (P.41).

42. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (P.42). 3/

43. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (P.43).

44. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (P.44).

45. Question of Cyprus (P.45). 16/

46. Iraqi aggression and the continued occupation of Kuwait in flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations (P.46). 4/

47. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (P.139).

15/ See para. 39.

16/ See para. 40. See also footnote 4.

First Committee

1. Reduction of military budgets (P.47):

   (a) Reduction of military budgets;

   (b) Transparency and reduction of military budgets.

2. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament agreements (P.48).

3. Education and information for disarmament (P.49).

4. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/48 concerning the signature and ratification of Additional Protocol I of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (P.50).

5. Cessation of all nuclear-test explosions (P.51).

6. Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water (P.52).

7. Urgent need for a comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty (P.53).

8. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (P.54).

9. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (P.55).

10. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (P.56).

11. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (P.57).

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa (P.58).

13. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons (P.59).

14. General and complete disarmament (P.60): 17/

   (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

   (b) International arms transfers;

17/ See para. 41.

(c) Implementation of General Assembly resolutions in the field of disarmament;

(d) Conversion of military resources to civilian purposes;

(e) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(f) Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons;

(g) Conventional disarmament;

(h) Prohibition of attacks on nuclear facilities;

(i) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(j) Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes;

(k) Charting potential uses of resources allocated to military activities for civilian endeavours to protect the environment;

(l) Regional disarmament;

(m) Naval armaments and disarmament;

(n) Conventional disarmament on a regional scale.

15. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (P.61):

(a) Regional disarmament: report of the Secretary-General;

(b) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme;

(c) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(d) World Disarmament Campaign;

(e) Nuclear-arms freeze;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

16. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (P.62):

    (a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

    (b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

    (c) Status of multilateral disarmament agreements;

    (d) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

    (e) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

    (f) Economic and social consequences of the armaments race and its extremely harmful effects on world peace and security;

    (g) Comprehensive programme of disarmament;

    (h) Cessation of the nuclear-arms race and nuclear disarmament;

    (i) Prevention of nuclear war.

17. Israeli nuclear armament (P.63).

18. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (P.64).

19. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (P.65).

20. Question of Antarctica (P.66).

21. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (P.67).

22. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (P.68).

Special Political Committee

1. Protection and security of small States (P.69).

2. Effects of atomic radiation (P.70).

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (P.71).

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.72).

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (P.73).

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects (P.74). 3/

7. Questions relating to information (P.75).

8. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India (P.76).

9. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations (P.77).

Second Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I to III, IV (sections B to D and F to I), V, VII (sections A to C and E to G) and IX] (P.12). 18/

2. Development and international economic cooperation (P.78):

   (a) Trade and development;

   (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

   (c) World Decade for Cultural Development;

   (d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

   (e) Environment;

   (f) Desertification and drought;

   (g) Human settlements;

   (h) Science and technology for development;

18/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a)	Chapter I	Plenary meetings, Third, Fourth and Fifth Committees
(b)	Chapter IV (section F)	Plenary meetings, Third and Fifth Committees
(c)	Chapter VII (section B)	Third and Fifth Committees
(d)	Chapter VII (section C)	Fourth Committee
(e)	Chapter VII (section G)	Third Committee
(f)	Chapter IX	Plenary meetings and Third Committee

For further details, see para. 36.

(i) Entrepreneurship;

(j) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development.

3. United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (P.79).

4. Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind (P.80).

5. International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (P.81).

6. External debt crisis and development (P.82).

7. Operational activities for development (P.83): 19/

(a) Operational activities of the United Nations system;

(b) United Nations Development Programme;

(c) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

(d) United Nations technical cooperation activities;

(e) United Nations Volunteers programme;

(f) World Food Programme.

8. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (P.84).

9. Special economic and disaster relief assistance (P.85):

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator;

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance.

10. International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola (P.86).

11. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (P.87).

12. International cooperation to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl (P.88).

13. Human resources development (P.89).

19/ See para. 42.

14. Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries (P.90).

15. Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries (P.91).

16. Emergency assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia (P.92).

Third Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, IV (sections A, E and F), VI, VII (sections B, G and H) and IX] (P.12). 20/

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (P.93).

3. Right of peoples to self-determination (P.94).

4. Social development (P.95):

   (a) Questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

   (b) Crime prevention and criminal justice. 5/

5. Advancement of women (P.96). 21/

6. Narcotic drugs (P.97).

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (P.98):

   (a) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

   (b) Questions relating to refugees and displaced persons.

20/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second, Fourth and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a) Chapter I	Plenary meetings and Second, Fourth and Fifth Committees
(b) Chapter IV (section F)	Plenary meetings and Second and Fifth Committees
(c) Chapter VII (section B)	Second and Fifth Committees
(d) Chapter VII (section G)	Second Committee
(e) Chapter IX	Plenary meetings and Second Committee

For further details, see para. 36.

21/ See para. 42.

8. Human rights questions (P.99):

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments; 22/

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives.

22/ See para. 43.

Fourth Committee

1. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (P.100).

2. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa (P.101).

3. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (P.102).

4. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I and VII (section C)] (P.12). 23/

5. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (P.103).

6. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.104).

7. Question of East Timor (P.105).

8. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.19). 24/

23/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Second, Third and Fifth Committees, as follows:

(a) Chapter I	Plenary meetings and Second, Third and Fifth Committees
(b) Chapter VII (section C)	Second Committee

For further details, see para. 36.

24/ See para. 37.

Fifth Committee

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.106):

   (a) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

   (b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

   (c) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (P.107).

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 (P.108).

4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 (P.109).

5. Programme planning (P.110).

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Addendum

The following should be added to the Secretary-General's memorandum of 11 September 1991 (A/BUR/46/1):

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   Paragraph 31 (c) should read

   (c) Request for the inclusion of an additional item (decision 45/402 C of 16 September 1991).

2. Page 11

   The last line of footnote 2 should read

   (A.): additional item (decision 45/402 C).

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   After item 145, the following item should be inserted

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